

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO SUPPLY SHADE TREES ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS OF THE STATE.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That all
2 persons owning lands in the State shall be required to set and protect from destruction, each year,
3 one-tenth as many shade trees as he has acres of land, except as provided in section five of this
4 act, commencing in the spring of 1876 and continuing for the term of ten years.

SEC. 2. The shade trees shall be set at or near the line of the public highway in the township
2 where the land is situated, and when thus set report the same with the description of the land to
3 which they are to apply, the kind of trees, and where set, to the supervisor of roads in the district
4 where the land to which they are to apply is situated; also the number of shade trees before set
5 and under cultivation on said premises, which shall also be accredited, under the provisions of this
6 act, to the lands of the owner thereof.

SEC. 3. The road supervisors of each district shall make an abstract of the reports of all
2 persons made to him under these provisions, and report the same to the township trustees at the
3 time of making his annual settlement. He shall, by order of the township trustees, procure, set
4 and make necessary protection to the shade trees of his district and receive such compensation
5 therefor as the trustees may deem just, and in case of failure so to do he shall be subject to a
6 penalty as provided in section 998 of the Code.

SEC. 4. The township trustees shall cause a record to be kept, by the township clerk, of all
2 their proceedings under this act, of the number and kind of trees set in the township each year,
3 by whom set, and description of lands credited to, and in case of failure by any parties owning
4 lands to set trees, as provided in sections one and two (1 and 2) of this act, the trustees shall cause
5 such an assessment to be made on their lands as they may deem necessary to supply the trees
6 therefor, which shall be collected and managed the same as assessments made for highway pur-
7 poses, and be paid by the township clerk, on their order, to the road supervisor or such other per-
8 son as they may designate for furnishing and setting the trees.

SEC. 5. *Provided,* That in case of locations where trees cannot reasonably be secured or pro-
2 tected, the trustees may extend the time of setting of trees to other years, and in case of old age,
3 misfortune, or lands being situated so as to render it unreasonable in the minds of the trustees,
4 they may remit the setting of trees or tax. *Provided further,* That in case of lands not having
5 sufficient length of highway thereon to set the quota of trees assigned it, and the trustees do not
6 deem it just to remit the same, they shall be set on other premises by or under the direction of the
7 road supervisor of that district.